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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated April 16, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1 and 5-8 and specie (a), the method which utilizes a rotating furnace, with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement as a search for the elected invention and specie would necessarily entail a search for the non-elected invention and specie. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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